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Communist China - North Vietnam: Peking's
first authoritative comment on intensified US bombing
of North Vietnam reflects continuing concern that Hanoi
will not remain steadfast.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry statement, broad-
cast on 30 August, appears designed to convince the
Vietnamese that they should reject negotiations and con-
tinue the fight against the US. It asserts that "forcing
peace talks through bombing" is a "shopworn trick" of
the US and the Soviet Union. Peking claims that no
"peace talks plots" will succeed because the Vietnamese
people are determined to defeat the US, and that the re-
cent bombing raids indicate the increasing weakness of
the US position in Vietnam.

This statement is the strongest expression of sup-
port for North Vietnam in several months. It declares
that the Chinese people are determined to "fight shoulder
to shoulder" with the Vietnamese--the first time Peking
has used this formulation since last April. Like earlier
pledges of support, however, this one emphasizes the
role of the Vietnamese in defeating the US.

Although the statement asserts that intensified
bombing shows that US aggression is aimed against
China as well as against the Vietnamese, it implies
that the Chinese will become directly involved only if
attacked by US forces. Peking declares once again that
the Chinese people are "waiting in battle array" and will
defeat "imperialist forces" if they should dare to "invade"
China.

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